

**CRIJ-3305- Perspectives on Crime in America (01/25/2021 ~ 03/17/2021)**  
**Spring 2021: First 8-Week Online Version**  
**COURSE OUTLINE**

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Course Description

**ASU Undergraduate Catalog Description**

Topics for this course include American crime problems in historical perspective, social and public factors affecting crime, impact and crime trends, social characteristics of specific crimes, prevention of crimes.

Course Objectives

*Students will be able to:*

- Gain and comprehend each theoretical development, causal logic, empirical studies and criticism of the major theories.
- Develop skill in analyzing and comparing theories in light of the comprehensive theoretical knowledge.
- Apply the acquired theoretical knowledge to the contemporary social phenomena.

Required Text/Other Course Materials

**Required Text:** Barkan, S. E. (2014). *Criminology: A sociological understanding* (6th ed.). New York, NY: Pearson.

**Supplemental Readings:** Depending on class discussions and relevant current events, outside readings may be assigned.

Grading Policy

A student's final grade will be based upon the point breakdown below. You will be given feedback with all quizzes when they are graded and returned to you. Therefore, please "keep track" of your points throughout the semester.

<u>Grading Criteria</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
Online Quizzes (6 Total; 20 points each; 5 Best Scores Count)	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

Grade Breakdown: The final grades for the course will be assigned using the standard scale. Your total number of points will be averaged and letter grades assigned as follows:

- A= 90% or Above
- B= 80 to 89%
- C= 70 to 79%
- D= 60 to 69%
- F= 59% or Below

Grade Tracking: All of your grades will be posted on the class Blackboard website. Please check the "grades" page often to keep track of your current class grade. If you think an error in your grade has been made, let me know ASAP. Errors need to be brought to my attention **within two weeks of submitting the assignment or receiving any other type of grade.**

1. **Online Quizzes:** We will have 6 quizzes. However, I will drop your lowest quiz score (i.e., your top 5 scores will count). Each quiz will be worth 20 points for a total of 160 points. These quizzes will be taken on Blackboard. They will be available from Monday (9:00 am) to Sunday midnight (12:00 am) each week on Blackboard. Once the quiz is opened and started, students will have two (2) hours to complete the quiz. The quiz will be locked after submission and after the two (2) hour time allotment runs out. Quizzes will consist of 20 multiple choice and true/false questions (1 point each). Each quiz will be based on the modules posted on Blackboard. Read carefully when you solve quizzes.

**\*\*\*Please note that there will be no make-up quizzes after they close on the class Blackboard website.\*\*\***

## **Other Relevant Information**

### **Due Dates**

- Quizzes will not be reopened after they close on the class website.

### **Class Blackboard Website**

We will be completing quizzes on the Blackboard website itself. Finally, you will be able to easily keep up-to-date with your grades throughout the semester. Therefore, you will need to become familiar with Blackboard and how it works. Please contact the eLearning Center ([elarning@angelo.edu](mailto:elarning@angelo.edu), 325-486-6263) if you have any problems with your Blackboard page.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

As with any college course, cheating with other students will not be tolerated. If you are unsure about the definitions of plagiarism and cheating, you can consult with me privately and refer to Angelo State University's *Community Policies*. If a student is found to have cheated on a quiz, he/she will receive a grade of "0" for that grade and further disciplinary action may be taken through the university.

### **A Note for Students with Disabilities**

Any student who has a disability should notify the instructor at the beginning of the semester (or as soon as possible). Also, it is recommended that you contact Angelo State University's Office of Student Affairs— Houston Harte University Center, Suite 112. Information regarding disability services at ASU can be found at <https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/apply-for-disability-accommodations.php>

### **Class E-mail**

As an enrolled student, each of you was provided with a university e-mail. This e-mail will be the main form of communication for this course. Please check your e-mail frequently to receive important class information. Also, please use your university e-mail to contact me for anything that you may need. I will make every effort to return your e-mails promptly. NOTE: Please put your name, CRIJ-3305 in the subject line of any e-mail that you send.

### **Title IX at Angelo State University:**

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU's Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

**Michelle Boone, J.D.**

*Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator*

Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

325-942-2022

[michelle.boone@angelo.edu](mailto:michelle.boone@angelo.edu)

**You may also file a report online 24/7 at [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form).**

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the *University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173* or the *ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345*.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).

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**Tentative Class Schedule**

*Please refer to the following pages for the tentative schedule for the class. The dates and material are subject to change, depending on class progress.*

- Module One**                    Ch 3. The measurement and patterning of criminal behavior  
     • Sample Test, No points assigned & No due date
- Module Two**                    Ch 4. Victims and victimization  
     • 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/07/2021
- Module Three**                   Ch 5. Classical and neoclassical perspectives  
     • 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/14/2021
- Module Four**                   Ch. 6 Biological and psychological explanations  
     • 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/21/2021
- Module Five**                    Ch 7. Sociological theories: Emphasis on social structure  
     • 4th Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 02/28/2021
- Module Six**                    Ch 8. Sociological theories: Emphasis on social process  
     • 5th Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 03/07/2021
- Module Seven**                   Ch 9. Sociological theories: Critical perspectives  
     • 6th Lesson Test by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, 03/14/2021
- Module Eight**                   Documentary Watching: Last Days of Solitary  
     Final Week (But we have no quiz or exam this week)

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